

This play has many themes, one of which is that of the analysis of what a “good name” means. You could argue that Elizabeth Proctor’s “name” is good. But then she lies about her husband’s adultery in a court of law. Judge Danforth’s “name” is important to him which forces him to continue to hang the Salem town members as witches even after it has become obvious the girls were lying. There are many examples of characters being concerned about maintaining their reputation.

So here is your prompt: Trace the character of John Proctor regarding his “name.” In 3 paragraphs, argue that John Proctor’s “name” (at the beginning) goes from not considered a good one (by his admission) to (in the middle) becoming a better, respected one, and then finally a good one (his death as a witch) at the end.

Paragraph 1: Quick Introduction with Hook and thesis.

Paragraph 2: Your 3 examples (beginning, middle, and end) paraphrased (no quotes, just you paraphrasing the events) in a longer paragraph.

Paragraph 3: Quick Conclusion stating your evidence as proof of your thesis.

Create a Google Document in the shared folder Period 6, subfolder The Crucible Prompt.

You have today and tomorrow to write the essay.